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(b) On page 24, second full paragraph, through page 27, up to but not including "<u>Definitions</u>," please amend the paragraph and formula (III) [SEQ ID NO. 5] as follows:

--Exendin agonist compounds also include those described in International Patent Application No. PCT/US98/24273, filed November 13, 1998, entitled, "Novel Exendin Agonist Compounds," which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application No. 60/066,029, filed November 14,1997, including compounds of the formula (III)[SEQ ID NO. 5]:

 $Xaa_1 Xaa_2 Xaa_3 Xaa_4 Xaa_5 Xaa_6 Xaa_7 Xaa_8 Xaa_9 Xaa_{10}$ 

Xaa<sub>11</sub> Xaa<sub>12</sub> Xaa<sub>13</sub> Xaa<sub>14</sub> Xaa<sub>15</sub> Xaa<sub>16</sub> Xaa<sub>17</sub> Ala Xaa<sub>19</sub> Xaa<sub>20</sub>

Xaa<sub>21</sub> Xaa<sub>22</sub> Xaa<sub>23</sub> Xaa<sub>24</sub> Xaa<sub>25</sub> Xaa<sub>26</sub> Xaa<sub>27</sub> Xaa<sub>28</sub>-Z<sub>1</sub>; wherein

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Xaa<sub>1</sub> is His, Arg, Tyr, Ala, Norval, Val or Norleu;

Xaa<sub>2</sub> is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;

Xaa<sub>3</sub> is Ala, Asp or Glu;

Xaa<sub>4</sub> is Ala, Norval, Val, Norleu or Gly;

Xaa<sub>5</sub> is Ala or Thr;

Xaa<sub>6</sub> is Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa<sub>7</sub> is Thr or Ser;

Xaa<sub>8</sub> is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa<sub>9</sub> is Ala, Norval, Val, Norleu, Asp or Glu;

Xaa<sub>10</sub> is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;

Xaa<sub>11</sub> is Ala or Ser;

 $Xaa_{12}$  is Ala or Lys;

 $Xaa_{13}$  is Ala or Gln;

Xaa<sub>14</sub> is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;

Xaa<sub>15</sub> is Ala or Glu;

Xaa<sub>16</sub> is Ala or Glu;

Xaa<sub>17</sub> is Ala or Glu;

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Xaa<sub>19</sub> is Ala or Val;
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 $Xaa_{20}$  is Ala or Arg;

Xaa21 is Ala or Leu;

Xaa<sub>22</sub> is Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa<sub>23</sub> is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine or Met;

Xaa<sub>24</sub> is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa<sub>25</sub> is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa26 is Ala or Leu;

Xaa<sub>27</sub> is Ala or Lys;

Xaa<sub>28</sub> is Ala or Asn;

 $Z_1$  is -OH,

-NH<sub>2</sub>,

Gly- $Z_2$ ,

Gly Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub>,

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub>-Z<sub>2</sub> or

Gly Gly Xaa<sub>31</sub> Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa<sub>36</sub> Xaa<sub>37</sub> Xaa<sub>38</sub> Ser-Z<sub>2</sub>;

wherein Xaa<sub>31</sub>, Xaa<sub>36</sub>, Xaa<sub>37</sub> and Xaa<sub>38</sub> are independently

Pro, homoproline, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioproline, N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine

or N-alkylalanine; and

 $Z_2$  is -OH or -NH<sub>2</sub>;

provided that no more than three of Xaa3, Xaa4, Xaa5, Xaa6, Xaa8, Xaa9, Xaa10, Xaa11,

Xaa<sub>12</sub>, Xaa<sub>13</sub>, Xaa<sub>14</sub>, Xaa<sub>15</sub>, Xaa<sub>16</sub>, Xaa<sub>17</sub>, Xaa<sub>19</sub>, Xaa<sub>20</sub>, Xaa<sub>21</sub>, Xaa<sub>24</sub>, Xaa<sub>25</sub>, Xaa<sub>26</sub>, Xaa<sub>27</sub>

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